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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Sir:

This Amendment is submitted in response to the Final Office Action mailed July 24, 2006 and having a shortened statutory period for response that is set to expire on October 24, 2006.

Applicant respectfully requests entry of the amendments presented herein and reconsideration of the outstanding rejections in view of the following remarks.

Proposed Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 6 of this paper.